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~~NOVEL CC-CHEMOKINE BINDING PROTEINS~~

CC-CHEMOKINE BINDING TICK PROTEINS

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Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is the U.S. national stage application of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/053638, filed December 21, 2004, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, including all figures, tables and amino acid or nucleic acid sequences.

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